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Issues Programs Report

Religious Programming

James Robison – *Monday thru Friday 7:00AM*

LIFE TODAY is much more than a television program. It is life-giving ministry every day in some way for people around the world.

Andrew Wommack – *Monday thru Friday 7:30AM*

AWM has grown from just one office in Colorado Springs to eleven offices across the globe. The Bible College has also grown by leaps and bounds with currently seventy Charis locations all over the world. By God's grace, the Gospel is definitely going farther and deeper than ever before! For instance, when Andrew first went on television, the Gospel Truth broadcast only had 3 percent coverage in the United States. Now, with recent additions to ministry coverage, the program reaches over 3.2 billion homes worldwide. The ministry continues to expand as God provides more opportunities and resources to take the nearly-too-good-to-be-true message of God's unconditional love and grace to the world. Truly, the best is yet to come!

Manna-Fest with Perry Stone Ministries- *Sunday 7:00AM*

Perry Stone is an Evangelist who directs one of America's fastest growing ministries – *Voice of Evangelism*. Perry Stone Ministries, headquartered in Cleveland, TN, reaches the world with the Gospel of Christ through revivals, television, audio/video media, printed material and missionary sponsorship.

Joel Osteen – *Sunday 8:00AM*

God is doing amazing things through our television ministry. We are reaching over 100 million homes in the U.S. and tens of millions more in 100 nations. Lives are being changed, relationships are being restored and communities are being transformed by the power of God and the message of hope that is being broadcast through this ministry.

Time of Grace – *Sunday 8:30AM and 2:30AM*

The half-hour television program *Time of Grace* is broadcast each week featuring Pastor Mark Jeske. He presents Bible studies in terms that people can relate to and apply to their lives.

Live Big with Derek Grier - *Sunday 9:00AM*

Dr. Derek Grier currently serves as the founding pastor of Grace Church in Dumfries, Virginia. Grace Church began in 1998 with 12 people and has grown to more than 5,000 members. His passion for serving people led him to establish over 50 life-changing ministries within Grace Church and in 2008, he founded the Dumfries Youth Center (now the Grace Youth Center) as an extension of Grace Church, which has served hundreds of high-risk children in the Dumfries area. His radio and television programs can be heard and viewed in over 2 billion homes across the globe, and more than 60 million homes in the United States.

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Short-Form Programming

Fox5 News on the Plus – A Monday through Friday news program that airs at 8:00 pm - 8:30pm and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

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Fox5 News on the Plus – A Sunday at 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

The following contains information on locally produced public service announcements as well as a list of community organizations and government agencies that addressed local issues through public service announcements.

Public service announcements that aired included but were not limited to the following issues:

1. Crime
2. Local politics
3. National politics
4. Community
5. Health
6. Housing
7. Transportation
8. Education
9. Environment
10. Children / Youth

SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

4th Quarter 2022

Crime
Dec 23, 2022

4 teens arrested in connection with armed carjackings in Prince George's County: police

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4 teens arrested in connection with armed carjackings in Prince George's County: police

Authorities in Prince George's County say they have arrested four teenagers in connection with two armed carjackings.

LANDOVER HILLS, Md. - Authorities in [Prince George's County](#) say they have arrested four teenagers in connection with two armed carjackings.

On December 19, police say a driver was carjacked at gunpoint around 8:30 p.m. in the 6500 block of Annapolis Road in [Landover](#) Hills.



Sean Franklin Mills (l) of Capitol Heights and 19-year-old Gregory Parker (r) of Washington, D.C. (Prince George's County Police Department)

Officers located the car they say was used in the carjacking two days later and arrested 19-year-old Sean Franklin Mills of Capitol Heights and 19-year-old Gregory Parker of Washington, D.C. Police say two loaded firearms were recovered, and the car used in the carjacking was stolen. Both were charged with carjacking with additional charges pending, investigators say.



(Prince George's County Police Department)

On December 20, police say a food delivery driver was carjacked at gunpoint around 8:30 p.m. in the 8100 block of Allendale Drive in Landover. The following day police located the vehicle they say was used in the crime and arrested a 17-year-old and a 16-year-old male. Also in the car, police say they found a loaded gun and 76 grams of marijuana.

Both are being charged as adults with firearms offenses and possession of a stolen vehicle. Police say the 16-year-old had been arrested in April 2022 for the carjacking of a food delivery driver and was charged as a juvenile in that case.



(Prince George's County Police Department)

Local Politics

Dec 23, 2022

Transcripts reveal link between Trump, Nevada fake electors

By Gabe Stern and Rio Yamat

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Politics

Associated Press

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January 6th Committee releases final report on Capitol attack | LiveNow from FOX

The 845-page report released Thursday comes after the panel interviewed more than 1,000 witnesses, held 10 hearings and obtained millions of pages of documents. The final report asserts that Donald Trump criminally engaged in a "multi-part conspiracy" to overturn the lawful results of the 2020 presidential election and failed to act to stop his supporters from attacking the Capitol.

LAS VEGAS - New transcripts of closed-door testimony to the Jan. 6 House committee show [Donald Trump](#) and his allies had a direct hand in the Nevada Republican Party's scheme to send a phony electoral certificate to Congress in 2020 in a last-ditch attempt to keep the former president in power.

The documents made public Wednesday evening included interviews with state party leader Michael McDonald and Republican National Committeeman Jim

DeGraffenreid in February. Both men served as fake electors in Carson City on Dec. 14, 2020.

That day, six Nevada GOP members signed certificates falsely stating that Trump won Nevada in 2020 and sent them to Congress and the National Archives, where they were ultimately ignored. The House committee investigating the [Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol](#) is digging into the role that these fake electors in key battleground states had in Trump's attempt to cling to power after his 2020 defeat.

RELATED: [Jan. 6 panel unveils final report asserting Trump engaged in 'multi-part conspiracy'](#)

McDonald and DeGraffenreid invoked Fifth Amendment protection hundreds of times in their separate interviews with the Jan. 6 committee, refusing to answer questions about their involvement and the extent to which Trump's top allies had helped in orchestrating the plot.

Still, the transcripts provide an unprecedented view into the Trump team's coordinated efforts in Nevada to overturn the results of the election — efforts that included direct communication between McDonald and the president himself.

On Nov. 4, 2020, for example, the day after the election, McDonald had a conference call with Trump, his then-chief of staff Mark Meadows, attorney Rudy Giuliani and son Eric Trump.

"They want full attack mode," McDonald later wrote in a text message describing that call. "We're gonna have a war room meeting in about an hour."

Both McDonald and DeGraffenreid turned over their communications to the Jan. 6 committee related to the fake elector scheme. The FBI also seized McDonald's cellphone in June as part of an investigation into the scheme.



File: Nevada Republican Party Chairman Michael McDonald speaks to people gathered to protest against the passage of a mail-in voting bill during a Nevada Republican Party demonstration at the Grant Sawyer State Office Building on August 4, 2020 in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Photo by Ethan Miller/Getty Images)

Those documents, detailed at length in the transcripts, included text messages, emails and internal memorandums distributed by the national GOP arm; handwritten charts, templates for press releases and the phony certificate itself; and talking points "explaining the rationale for the electors."

The planning was extensive, the transcripts show, and began as early as four days before the election, when state party officials began discussing whether Nevada's Republican secretary of state, Barbara Cegavske, would sign off on the alternate slate of electors.

DeGraffenreid, in a text conversation with party officials, said Cegavske "might do a lot of things, but sending a slate of Republican electors without them being clearly the winners of the popular vote is not one of them."

Cegavske ultimately certified President Joe Biden's victory in Nevada, defending the results as reliable and accurate despite attacks from Trump and others within her own

party, which led the Nevada Republican Party to censure her. She later conducted an investigation that found no credible evidence of widespread voter fraud throughout the state.

RELATED: Jan. 6 witness says lawyer tried to influence testimony: 'the less you remember, the better'

Meanwhile, the day before the slate of fake electors met, the transcripts show McDonald grew increasingly frustrated with the RNC's direction over how to conduct the certificate signing. It appeared that he had gone back and forth with the RNC about logistics of the ceremony: the location, how they would publicize it and what they would say in their speeches.

"RNC essentially put us in a box on what we can say, but doesn't sound too bad," Shawn Meehan, one of the fake electors, said in a text to DeGraffenreid.

Meehan also told DeGraffenreid that McDonald wanted a smaller group that would plan the final details over breakfast, and that he is "stressing on the optics." It was visible to several of the fake electors — that same day, another fake elector had texted DeGraffenreid that McDonald was upset with "mixed messages and direction on publicity for tomorrow."

"He's very concerned RNC will cut cord if it looks bad and steal credit if we do well," Meehan messaged.

"I know," DeGraffenreid responded. "He's concerned that we look like foolish crybabies."

FROM 2020: Nevada Supreme Court makes Joe Biden's win in state official
Ultimately, the Nevada Republican Party would press forward, and after nearly two months of planning, McDonald, DeGraffenreid and the other fake electors gathered outside the Capitol building in Carson City for a ceremony.

"History made today in Carson City, Nevada," the state party would write on social media after the ceremony, "as @McDonaldNV leads our electors in casting Nevada's 6 electoral votes for the winner of Nevada, @realDonaldTrump and @Mike_Pence!"

McDonald did not immediately respond to requests for comment Thursday evening. A lawyer for DeGraffenreid said he declined to comment.

The nine-member committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot will dissolve when Republicans take over the House next month. The committee on Thursday [released its full 800-plus page report of its 18-month investigation](#), which they hope will lead to criminal charges against Trump and his key allies.

National Politics

Dec 22, 2022

Senate passes \$1.7T spending bill to fund government, aid Ukraine

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FILE - Capitol Police walk past the Senate wing of the Capitol as senators discuss their next moves on the omnibus spending bill on Dec. 21, 2022, in Washington, D.C. (Photo by Nathan Howard/Getty Images)

WASHINGTON - The Senate passed a massive \$1.7 trillion spending bill Thursday that finances federal agencies through September and provides another significant round of military and economic aid to Ukraine one day after Ukrainian [President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's dramatic address to a joint meeting of Congress.](#)

The bill, which runs for 4,155 pages, includes about \$772.5 billion for domestic programs and \$858 billion for defense and would finance federal agencies through the fiscal year at the end of September.

The bill passed by a vote of 68-29 and now goes to the House for a final vote before it can be sent to President Joe Biden to be signed into law.

"This is one of the most significant appropriations packages we have done in a very long time," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "The range of people it helps is large and deep."

Community
Dec 7, 2022

Virginia minimum wage to increase to \$12 starting Jan. 1; DC's Initiative 82 going into effect in 2023

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The minimum wage in Virginia will increase to \$12 an hour on Jan. 1, and D.C.'s recently passed Initiative 82 will go into effect in 2023, raising the minimum wage for tipped workers to \$6 an hour.

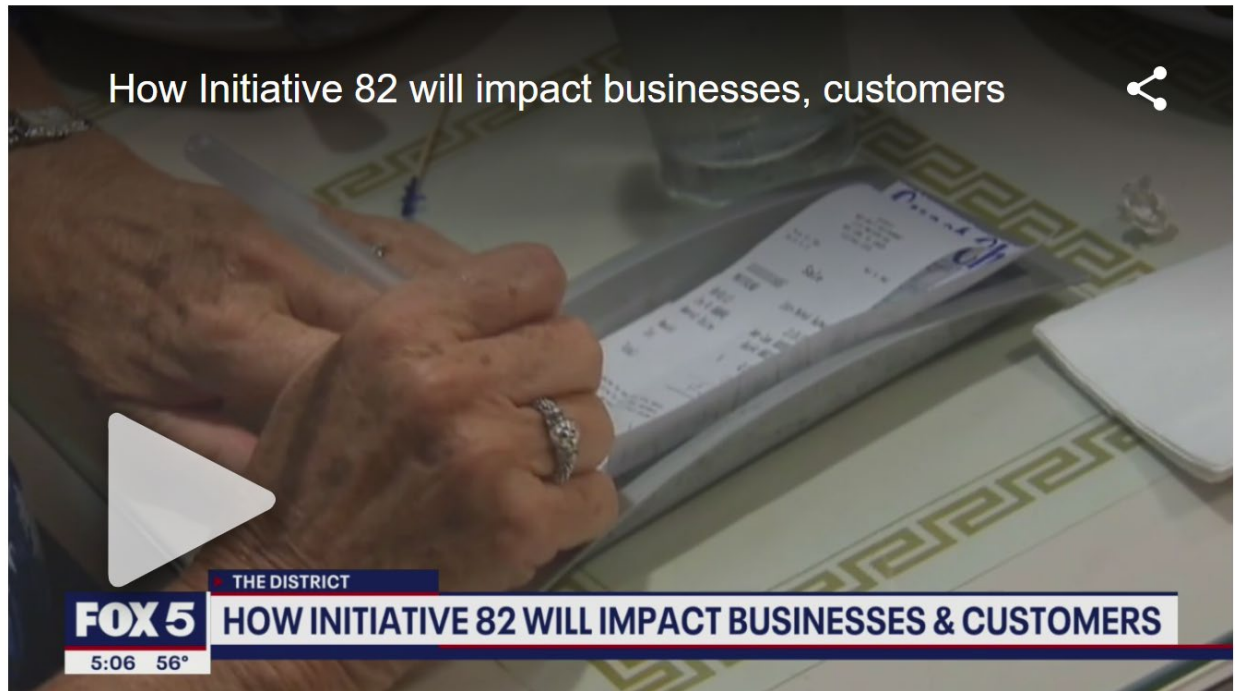
Virginia's minimum wage increase is part of a law passed in 2020 that raises the minimum wage gradually until it reaches \$15 an hour in 2026. The current minimum wage in Virginia is \$11 an hour.

[READ MORE: Nearly 350 antisemitic acts in Virginia so far in 2022](#)

Here is the schedule for Virginia's minimum wage increases:

- From January 2023 to January 2025: \$12
- From January 2025 to January 2026: \$13.50
- From January 2026 to January 2027: \$15

After Jan. 1, 2027, the minimum wage will be \$15 an hour.



How Initiative 82 will impact businesses, customers

On Tuesday, D.C. residents voted overwhelming to pass Initiative 82, doing away with the District's tipped minimum wage. So, how will that impact businesses and customers? FOX 5's Stephanie Ramirez explains.

Meanwhile, in D.C., voters passed Initiative 82 in November which will require D.C. employers to pay \$16.10 an hour to tipped employees regardless of how much they earn in gratuity.

Currently, tipped workers make \$5.35 an hour as long as they make enough tips to meet the \$16.10 threshold. The new pay increase will be phased in over five years.

On Jan. 1, 2023, the minimum wage for tipped workers is slated to increase to \$6 an hour. However, the act can only take effect after a 30-day period of congressional review, which has not yet taken place.

READ MORE: Initiative 82 passes: DC tipped workers to be paid minimum wage
Here is the schedule for Initiative 82's minimum wage increases, according to the legislative text:

- \$6 per hour by Jan. 1, 2023
- \$8 per hour by July 1, 2023
- \$10 per hour by July 1, 2024
- \$12 per hour by July 1, 2025
- \$14 per hour by July 1, 2026
- Equal to non-tipped workers by July 1, 2027

Restaurant servers, bartenders, bar backs, nail salon workers and parking attendants are all examples of who could be impacted.

Health
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US to require COVID-19 testing for travelers from China

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The U.S. announced new COVID-19 testing requirements Wednesday for all travelers from China, joining other nations imposing restrictions because of a surge of infections.

The increase in cases across China follows the rollback of the nation's strict anti-virus controls. China's "zero COVID" policies had kept China's infection rate low but fueled public frustration and crushed economic growth.

Beginning Jan. 5, all travelers to the U.S. from China will be required to take a COVID-19 test no more than two days before travel and provide a negative test before boarding their flight. The testing applies to anyone 2 years and older.

Other countries have taken similar steps in an effort to keep infections from spreading beyond China's borders. Japan will require a negative COVID-19 test upon arrival for travelers from China, and Malaysia announced new tracking and surveillance measures. India, South Korea and Taiwan are requiring virus tests for visitors from China.

Lunar New Year, which begins Jan. 22, is usually China's busiest travel season, and China announced Tuesday it will resume issuing passports for tourism for the first time since the start of the pandemic in 2020.

The U.S. action is a return to requirements for some international travelers. The [Biden administration lifted the last of such mandates in June](#). At that time, the CDC

continued to recommend that people boarding flights to the U.S. get tested close to departure time and not travel if they are sick.

Early in the pandemic, [the U.S. barred entry to foreigners traveling from China](#), weeks after the virus first emerged there three years ago. Americans were allowed to return home and flights from China were funneled to selected airports where passengers were screened for illness.

But the virus already was spreading in the U.S. among people with no travel history.

Housing
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'This has not stopped:' Migrant buses arrive in DC on Christmas Eve

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'This has not stopped:' Migrant buses arrive in DC on Christmas Eve

Three buses of migrant families arrived on Christmas Eve from Texas at the U.S. Naval Observatory, where Vice President Kamala Harris lives.

WASHINGTON - [Three buses of migrant families](#) arrived on Christmas Eve from Texas at the U.S. Naval Observatory, where Vice President Kamala Harris lives.

FOX 5's David Kaplan spoke with the aid organization that handled the response to the busloads of migrants.

The migrants were from Texas, according to Tatiana Laborde, the managing director of SAMU First Response.

Laborde told FOX5 her organization was expecting three buses filled with migrants from Texas, but they arrived earlier than expected, on Christmas Eve, causing SAMU First Response to scramble.

"We had all of our logistics, kind of last-minute scramble for Sunday, but yesterday during the day we had to quickly change plans, make sure that food was going to be delivered, that we were going to have enough blankets for families arriving, and be ready for them," Laborde said.

Laborde says these the three buses were originally headed to New York City from Texas, but diverted to D.C. because of weather. Laborde helped organize her staff to come in, buses, food and shelter to be ready for migrants who didn't have clothing for the weather we've had in recent days.

"They were tired. It's a very long trip and the weather conditions, once they step out of the bus, and it's cold, and it's a different cold than they're used to," Laborde says.

Laborde says most of the migrants dropped off are already at or headed to New York City.

A spokesperson for Texas Governor Greg Abbott said in a statement that President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, who Biden selected as Border Czar, "need to step up and do their jobs to secure the border."

"The White House is full of a bunch of hypocrites, led by the Hypocrite-in-Chief who has been flying planeloads of migrants across the country and oftentimes in the cover of night. These migrants willingly chose to go to Washington, D.C., having signed a voluntary consent waiver available in multiple languages upon boarding that they agreed on the destination. And they were processed and released by the federal government, who are dumping them at historic levels in Texas border towns like El Paso, which recently declared a state of emergency because of the Biden-made crisis," said spokesperson Renae Eze.



More migrant buses expected in DC as future of Title 42 remains uncertain

Another bus of migrants was expected to arrive in the nation's capital Wednesday, as the future of U.S. immigration restrictions remains uncertain.

Saturday night's busloads represent the seventh, eighth and ninth buses in D.C. over the last five days, according to Laborde.

"This has not stopped," Laborde said, "We have seen slowdowns because of different policies, or weather, but the constant flow of migrants continues to New York, Chicago, DC and our work doesn't stop."

Transportation
Dec 28, 2022

Why is Southwest canceling flights? Expert weighs in as DMV customers deal with delays, lost baggage

By Maureen Umeh and FOX 5 DC Digital Team

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Southwest Airlines

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What's happening with Southwest Airlines?

Southwest Airlines has canceled thousands of flights -- more than 2,500 a day for the past three days. Did weather really breed the perfect storm? Was there clear negligence? How do you fix this situation? Former TSA official Keith Jeffries joins FOX 5 to explain.

Southwest Airlines has canceled thousands of flights over the past few days at DCA, IAD, BWI and airports across the country as people struggle to return home this holiday season. So, was weather really to blame, or is there more to the issue?

Southwest canceled 2,909 flights on Monday, which accounts for 71% of the 4,006 flights that were canceled across the country, according to flight tracker FlightAware. On Tuesday, an additional 2,678 flights were canceled by the airline. About 4,300 more flights for Wednesday and Thursday have already been canceled.

[READ MORE: American Airlines says it will cap fares for some cities amid Southwest's high rate of cancellations](#)

Former TSA official Keith Jeffries says bad weather in recent days has certainly had an impact on delays and cancellations, but there's more to it.

"The employee scheduling system appears to have gone down which has created a lot of confusion," says Jeffries.

Keeping the skies safe is every airline's number one priority, Jeffries says, but he believes Southwest still has a PR nightmare on their hands.



Southwest Airlines under fire for flight cancellations

A sea of luggage at BWI Airport illustrates the amount of delays and cancellations customers have been experiencing in the DMV and across the country. FOX 5's Maureen Umeh has the latest.

"They could have done a better job of getting in front of this and communicating to the public," he says. "I've heard reports that passengers traveling had no idea what was going on, [they] didn't know when they could rebook their flight and all of those things. These are minor things that could have been corrected."

FOX 5 spoke to one Southwest passenger at BWI Airport who expressed her frustrations.

"I've traveled about 17 hours from Ft. Lauderdale to here because all of our flights have been delayed, delayed, delayed, canceled, delayed, delayed, delayed, standby, canceled, and now we're back here, and we're still missing, like, five pieces of luggage," says Dominique Walker.

[READ MORE: Flight canceled? Can you get a refund? Here's how to find out if you're owed money](#)

Jeffries says from a security standpoint, lost baggage that has been screened by security doesn't present much of a threat, and picking up the luggage that is rightfully yours is simply an honor system.

Luggage has been piling up at BWI and airports across the country as passengers scramble to figure out where their bags are and how to get them.



Airline headaches continue for DMV travelers

Frustration continues to mount for travelers in the DMV and across the country this holiday season as troubles go beyond canceled flights to lost bags. FOX 5's Maureen Umeh is at BWI Airport speaking with Southwest passengers about their nightmare of an experience.

The federal government has already said it would investigate why the company lagged so far behind other carriers. Jeffries says the main question is: what are we going to do to avoid this in the future?

"What do we need to know, and how come it took so long to get this information into the hands of the traveling public?" he says. "Communication is critical, and we need to make sure that information gets out into the hands of both the employees and the passengers to help de-escalate the stress that these delays have created at airports across the country."

[READ MORE: Southwest cancels more flights as Senate, Buttigieg promise investigations](#)

Southwest Airlines CEO Bob Jordan apologized to customers and crew in a video statement saying Southwest plans to "fly a reduced schedule" for the next few days, adding that the company is "optimistic" it will be back on track before next week.

So, what can we learn from this situation to benefit flyers in the future?

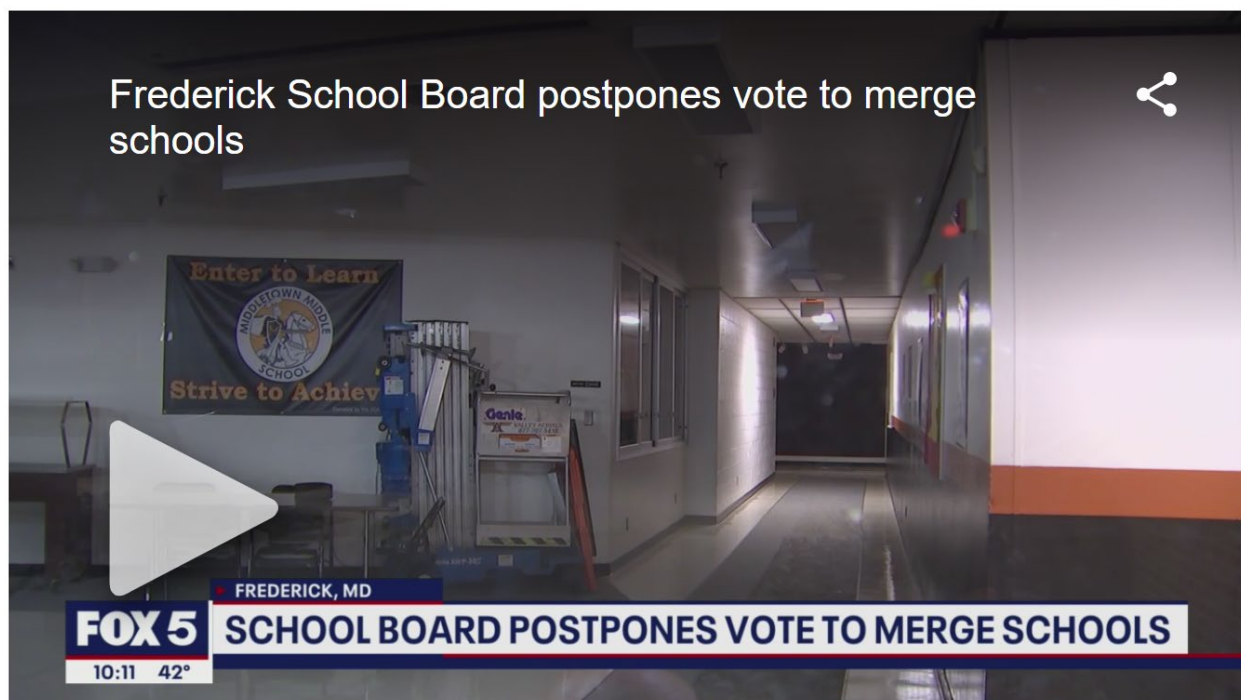
"You should have a contingency plan. What happens if your flight is canceled? What's your backup plan to get to your next destination?" says Jeffries. "Consider having the insurance as well associated with getting a refundable ticket. Make sure you read that fine print, and of course, most importantly, we've got to be patient."

Education
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Frederick County School Board postpones vote to merge schools

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Frederick School Board postpones vote to merge schools

In Frederick County the community will get more time to weigh in on plans to merge two schools. The school board was expected to vote Monday but decided to hold off. FOX 5's Lindsay Watts tells us why.

FREDERICK COUNTY, Md. - The plan to merge two schools in Middletown has been put on hold.

The Frederick County School Board postponed a vote Monday, giving the community more time to weigh in on plans to modernize the school buildings.

After a [feasibility study](#), the recommendation was made to build a new high school and then a second school that would combine the elementary and middle schools. There's been some pushback on the plans, so a letter went out to parents Monday morning notifying them that the school board had postponed the vote.

The school district says the elementary and middle school students would be separate from each other in the building and would not co-mingle.

Still, the atypical arrangement has prompted some concerns.

In a letter to parents, the district says, "Staff will work on additional engagement opportunities and a future date for discussion with the Board of Education will be scheduled at a later date. The additional time will allow for further discussions and exploration of options related to the project. The community will be updated on the revised presentation, once it has been scheduled."

Environment
Dec 28, 2022

2022 ends on a mild, wet note but when will winter return?

By **Mike Thomas**

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Weather

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BETHESDA, Md. (FOX 5 DC) - Winter officially began on Dec. 21, and the new season certainly lived up to its namesake across much of the United States.

A split in the Polar Vortex led to one of the strongest cold air outbreaks in years, coinciding with one of the biggest storms of the year with winds across the Midwest and Great Lakes that grounded flights and continue to impact travel to this day.



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Back in the office reviewing data and wow was that Christmas Eve cold just beyond impressive for December.

22° is the coldest high for Christmas Eve in DC's recorded history.

Forget measuring temps at DCA...5 of the other 8 coldest were before planes were even invented!



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This led to D.C. breaking a long-standing record high minimum for the day. By high-temperature standards, 2022 was the coldest Christmas Eve on record.

Then on Christmas morning, temperatures plummeted to just 9 °F – D.C.'s coldest temperature and the first time in the single digits in just about five years. It was also

the third-coldest Christmas morning on record, coming in just a few degrees above the bitterly cold Christmas of 1983.

There is a legitimate chance that the coldest air mass of this entire winter season will be what we just went through. Although this does not mean that winter is over already by any stretch of the word.



In the short term, temperatures have begun to rebound. On Wednesday afternoon, D.C. crossed the 50 °F threshold for the first time in just about five days, with more sunshine and 50s expected for Thursday.

The reason? The Polar Vortex, responsible for the major cold air outbreak which killed at least five dozen people over the past week, has retreated northward to the polar region.

In its wake, a ridge of high pressure takes hold of the eastern half of the country and is expanding eastward, forcing the jet stream north and inviting warmer air from the tropics to push northward. By New Year's Eve, parts of our region could be pushing 60°.



With the additional moisture, sunshine will eventually give way to clouds throughout the day on Friday, with a warm front expected to push through the region late Friday night into the early morning hours of Saturday, bringing the risk of scattered showers into the forecast.

These should remain in a hit-and-miss variety through the sunset hours when a weak cold front approaching from the west brings an additional slug of moisture into the region. Models are still debating whether this will be in the form of more widespread, but scattered showers or a steady batch of light rain across the Mid-Atlantic region, but models are in general agreement that those waiting up to celebrate the midnight hour, may have to do so with umbrellas.



Even with the rain, temperatures are still expected to be on the mild side. Parts of the region could get close to 60° on New Year's Eve, while many should cross that mark on New Year's Day.

Sunday should bring clearing skies to coincide with those mild temperatures. This is great news for those traveling to FedEx Field to see the Commanders take on the Browns, as the forecast looks dry with partial sunshine. Essentially, the exact opposite pattern of the weekend prior. For those who enjoy their winters on the mild side, the mild weather looks to continue right through at least the first week of 2023. We could have more 60°+ days in the first week of the year than we had in the entire month of December here in the District.

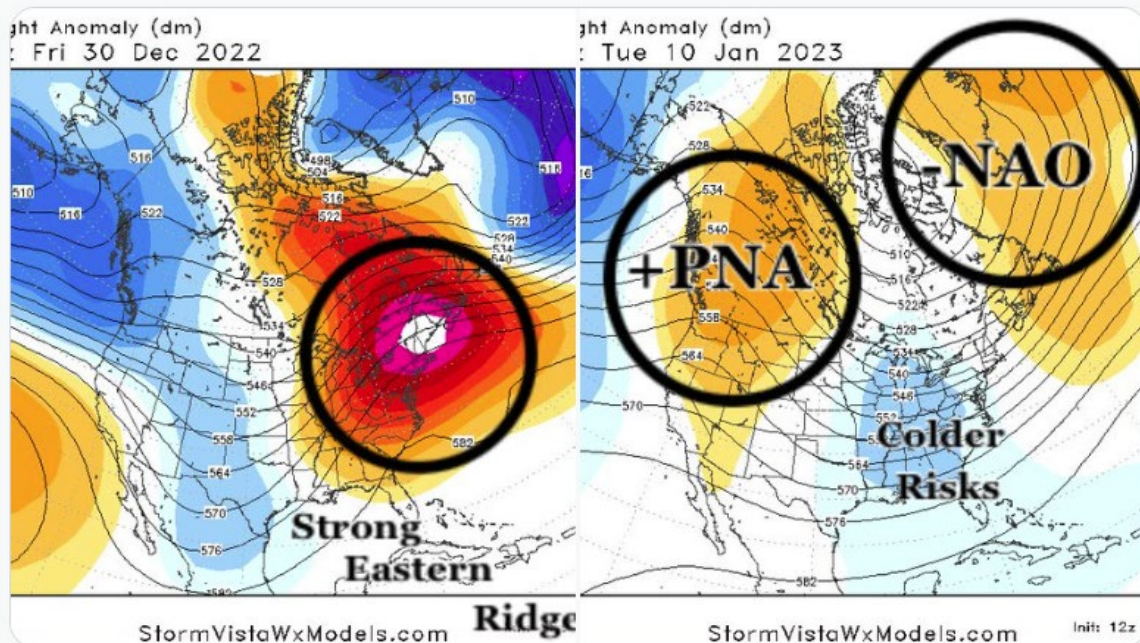


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Hope everyone has a fantastic holiday weekend! Looking at the pattern ahead.

1. Isolated flurries Tuesday AM
2. New Years is mild with 50s & 60s for first week at least.
3. Next colder shift modeled around the 10th, but models probably too fast. So more likely 2nd half of month.



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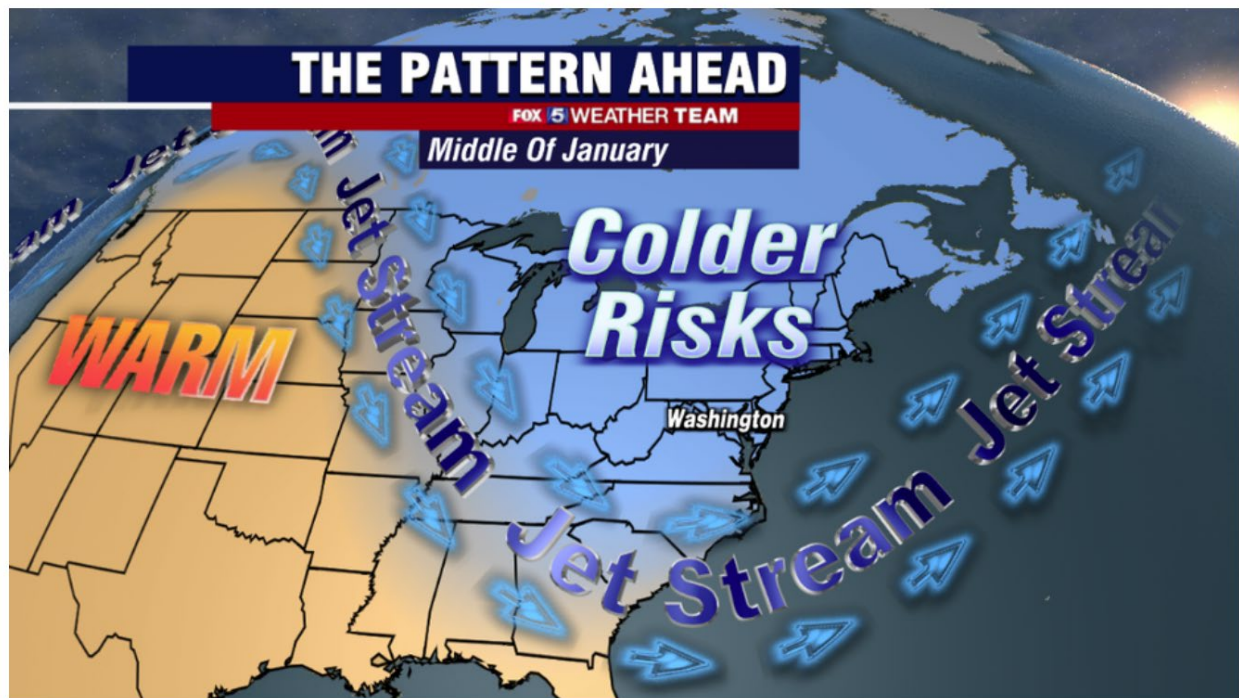
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One thing that seems to be true in every D.C. winter is the wild swings that we go through. It could be 70° one day, with snow seemingly in the forecast the next.

La Niña winters, in particular — especially ones where the expectation is that La Niña will fade through the course of winter — are known for their chaotic weather patterns. After a cold December, the expectation is that January, February, and March

will be a lot of back-and-forth volatility in our temperatures and the pattern as a whole.

The latest model projections show the next Polar Vortex displacement, though not a full breakage, sometime between the second and third weeks of January. This means we should start to see the pattern turn colder again by the middle of the month.



How prolonged it will be and how intense it will be, remains to be seen, however.

The big question, of course, is whether it comes with any snowfall chances. Remember 74% of the annual snowfall for D.C. falls after Jan. 15.

February, despite being the shortest month, is historically the snowiest as well with the city averaging over five inches of snow for the month. While it is impossible to say whether the next cold outbreak will bring better odds for snow, historical data would at least suggest that it could be more favored climatologically. So far this winter, D.C. has not picked up any measurable snowfall, however, despite some warm winters in the past, D.C. has never had a single winter without *any* measurable snowfall. So, we will continue to watch for more chances as the new year progresses. Have a safe and happy New Year!

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Santa uses sign language to spread cheer to deaf, hard of hearing children in the DMV

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Deaf Santa Claus spreads Christmas cheer to children in the DMV

Santa Claus arrived last week to the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in Maryland, spreading Christmas cheer and fostering a memorable, unique connection with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. (Credit: Gaylord National Resort via Storyful)

FORT WASHINGTON, Md. - Santa Claus arrived last week to the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in [Maryland](#), spreading Christmas cheer and fostering a memorable, unique connection with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Charles Graves, a rare, professional deaf Santa from Texas, visited the Gaylord

National Resort in Fort Washington, Maryland, on Dec. 12. Video shared by the resort showed Santa interacting with children and their families using American Sign Language, as well as interpreters at the resorts holiday shows.

"Often children who are deaf cannot fully interact with Santa and enjoy the holiday festivities," an event spokesperson from Gaylord National Resort told Storyful. "The Washington, DC region has one of the highest concentrations of deaf and hard of hearing people in the nation."

There are more than 20,000 residents in Washington, D.C. alone who are deaf or hard of hearing, many of whom use ASL as their primary language, according [to government data](#). One reason for this may be Gallaudet University, which is also located in D.C. and bills itself as the world's only liberal arts college designed to be "barrier-free for deaf and hard of hearing students," as [noted by DCist](#).



For his part, Graves recently told the [Associated Press](#) through an interpreter that he was inspired to grow his beard and put on the Santa suit in part by awkward encounters with hearing Santas as a child.

"As a child, I was very excited to receive a gift, but then you just kind of go away and you're like, there's no connection there. Children look at me now and they're like, wow, you know, there's a connection there with the deaf culture. And I can always connect with the hearing kids as well," Graves explained.

Graves, who has a day job at a school for deaf children, also received training to be Kris Kringle and now works as Santa with interpreters.

He said breaking in has been difficult and expensive, but "this is something really, really important to me."

By mid-November, he had more than a dozen gigs, including a parade in Santa Paula, California, a mall in Austin, Texas, and at Morgan's Wonderland, a nonprofit accessible theme park in San Antonio — as well as several Zoom visits. According to the [Associated Press](#), this part of a growing trend for more inclusive Santas performers.